



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re the Application of: **Denis MONTAGUTELLI**

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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**  
**AND**  
**SUPPLEMENTAL PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action dated June 12, 2008.

A response to restriction requirement is set forth on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 13 of this paper.

A petition for a one-month extension of time is submitted with this paper.

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

In the Office Action, Applicants are required to elect one of the following groups of claims for prosecution in this application:

- (I) Claims 1-4, 8, and 20, drawn to a thermal printer “wherein the second electronic control means comprise substitution alternative elementary electronic control means”
- (II) Claims 1-3, 5-7, 9, 18 and 19, drawn to a thermal printer “wherein the second support is mainly composed of a nesting dummy cover”
- (III) Claims 1 and 10, drawn to a thermal printer “wherein a driving means comprise at least one pusher implementing motorized means for driving a band”
- (IV) Claims 1 and 11, drawn to a thermal printer “wherein a cutter is mounted in an easily reversible manner on the chassis of the first module”
- (V) Claims 1 and 12, drawn to a thermal printer “wherein a back-up roll is mounted on the first carrying member of the third module.

Applicant(s) hereby elect(s) the subject matter of **Group (II), Claims 1-3, 5-7, 9, 18 and 19** for prosecution in this application. This election is made **without traverse**, and it is understood that Applicants’ rights to the filing of a divisional application directed to the non-elected subject matter under 35 U.S.C. §120 and 35 U.S.C. §121 are retained.